

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) ~~A connector apparatus for cubicle partitioning frames~~
~~connecting apparatus, the apparatus for connecting neighboring partitioning frames each~~
~~formed with connecting holes, the apparatus comprising:~~

a connecting plate formed at one end thereof with a first hitching jaw for insertion into and passing through ~~said a connecting hole formed in the partitioning frames~~ and a second hitching jaw formed at the other end thereof for not passing through said connecting hole;

a leaf spring for being insertedly hitched by said first hitching jaw of said connecting plate; and

a connector housing for pressing said leaf spring to be insertedly hitched by said first hitching jaw of said connecting plate, wherein ~~a slowly rising and falling an~~ inclining hitching surface is formed inside said connector housing for pressing said leaf spring when hitched by said first hitching jaw to rotate said connector housing, and a third hitching jaw is protrusively formed at said inclining hitching surface for restraining the rotation when said connector housing is rotated at a prescribed angle,

~~wherein said connector housing is formed with a hole structured to easily insert receive a driver or a rod thereinto for turning, said connector housing includes at least one hole formed through at least one sidewall of the connector housing, the hole formed to allow an assisting tool to be inserted to assist in rotating the connector housing when it is coupled to the first hitching jaw of the connecting plate.~~

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (New) A connector apparatus for connecting partitioning frames, the apparatus comprising:

a connecting plate including a first hitching jaw formed at one end of the connecting plate and a second hitching jaw formed at the other end of the connecting plate, wherein the first hitching jaw is formed to be inserted through a connecting hole in the partitioning frames;

a leaf spring including an opening, the leaf spring structured to allow the first hitching jaw of the connector plate to pass through the opening; and

a connector housing including:

an insertion slot for receiving the first hitching jaw of the connecting plate, the insertion slot formed so as to allow the first hitching jaw of the connecting plate to pass through the insertion slot,

an internal rotational ramp to engage the first hitching jaw of the connecting plate, wherein the initial portion of the internal rotational ramp is inclined upwardly from the insertion slot and a subsequent portion of the internal rotational ramp is inclined downwardly towards the insertion slot, and

a protruding jaw formed radially inward at an end of the subsequent portion of the internal rotational ramp, wherein the protruding jaw is formed to prevent rotation of the first hitching jaw of the connecting plate past the end of the subsequent portion of the internal rotational ramp.

7. (New) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the connector housing further comprises at least one hole formed through at least one sidewall of the connector housing, the hole formed to allow an assisting tool to be inserted to assist in rotating the connector housing when it is coupled to the first hitching jaw of the connecting plate.

8. (New) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein a portion of an outer sidewall surface of the connector housing includes a hexagonal surface.

9. (New) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the first hitching jaw of the connecting plate includes a curved inner surface to allow rotation of the connector housing.

10. (New) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the first hitching jaw of the connecting plate is T-shaped.

11. (New) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the connecting plate includes a plurality of protruding ends, wherein each of the protruding ends includes a first hitching jaw.

12. (New) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the each of the plurality of protruding ends extend radially from the other end of the connecting plate that includes the second hitching jaw.

13. (New) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the connector housing further comprises at least one groove formed on at least one sidewall of the connector housing, the groove formed to allow an assisting tool to be inserted to assist in rotating the connector housing when it is coupled to the first hitching jaw of the connecting plate.

14. (New) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the connector housing further comprises at least one closed hole formed on at least one sidewall of the connector housing, the closed hole formed to allow an assisting tool to be inserted to assist in rotating the connector housing when it is coupled to the first hitching jaw of the connecting plate.

15. (New) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the connecting hole is rectangular.